GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any radiation hazards to human health due to electromagnetic waves emitted by the cellular mobile towers and the mobile phones;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 17 FOR 22ND NOVEMBER, 2006

There has been concern in the public regarding health hazards due to radiations from mobile phones base station, TV Towers etc. Based on the Public Interest Litigation filed at Mumbai, the Mumbai High Court had asked the Government of India to examine this issue. As a follow up, a Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare which opined that overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of radio frequency exposure from electromagnetic waves emitted by cellular mobile towers and the mobile phones. The Committee recommended that a precautionary approach needs to be adopted till further research data is available. It was also suggested that it would not be amiss to adopt the International Council for Non-ionizing, Radiation protection guidelines for limiting electronic magnetic force exposures. Further, in order to develop the expertise in this area, the Ministry of Telecommunication set up a multi-disciplinary Committee to examine the issue of adopting international guidelines for electromagnetic radiation emitting from mobile phone towers. Ministry of Telecommunication has prepared draft guidelines to provide the limits to human exposures to electromagnetic field.